## **EXHIBIT A**

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## JOINT CLAIM CONSTRUCTION CHART

| U.S. Patent No.              | Claims           | THERMO  | RMO  | APPLERA  | ERA   |
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| Claim Term                   | at Issue         | CONSTRUCTION  | INTRINSIC<br>EVIDENCE                                | CONSTRUCTION   | INTRINSIC<br>EVIDENCE   |
| anions                       | Ξ                | Negatively charged ions.  | '654 patent:<br>1:1-2, 1:7-9, 2:25-26,<br>4:31-35.   | Low molecular weight<br>monomeric negatively<br>charged ions.          | '654 patent: 1: 18-22, 1: 38-49; 2: 16-20, 2: 24-25, 2: 57- 62, 3: 5-15, 3: 41-53; 4: |
|                              |                  |   | Prosecution history:<br>Amendment, 1/17/94,<br>p. 4. |  | 52; 8: 17-21, 8: 40-45  |
|                              |                  |   |  |  | Kelly, August 1992,<br>Research Disclosure<br>August 10, 1993,                        |
|                              |                  |   |  |  | "Separation of Organic Acids using Phthalate for Indirect UV Detection."              |
| capillary<br>electrophoresis | yamand<br>yamand | Electrophoresis, or the movement of ions under                            | '654 patent:<br>1:18-22, 1:13-2:20.                  | A chemistry technique which utilizes the                               | '654 patent:<br>1: 13-23, 1: 50-65  |
|                              |                  | the influence of an electric field, that takes place in a capillary tube. |  | electrophoretic velocity to isolate the various components of a sample | Weinberger '382 patent (incorporated by reference):                                   |

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| U.S. Patent No. 5 385 654 | Claims           | THERMO  | SMO   | APPL   | APPLERA   |
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|                           |                  | CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY OF |   | in a capillary.  | 1: 12-15, 1: 42-46  |
|                           |                  |   |   |  | Morín et al., Fresenius J.<br>Anal. Chem. (1992)<br>342: 357 – 362, p. 357-<br>358. |
| capillary                 | 11               | A tube with a very small internal diameter.   | '654 patent:<br>1:23-25, 4:45-51.                       | A conduit with a small internal cross section.   | '654 patent:<br>1: 23-25, 4: 48-51, 6:<br>64-67, 7: 58-61, 8: 25-<br>27             |
| carrier electrolyte       | 11               | An electrically conductive fluid medium that carries or transports ions.  | '654 patent:<br>1:25-27, 2:29-32, 2:56-<br>57.          | Any electrically<br>conductive fluid<br>medium.  | '654 patent: 2: 56-57 Jones, '506 patent: 1: 18-23                                  |
|                           |                  |   | Prosecution history: Amendment, 1/17/94, p. 4.          |  |   |
| target temperature        | parend<br>parend | A selected temperature.   | '654 patent:<br>3:21-32, 6:14-16.                       | A preselected temperature of the fluid in the capillary prior to                               | '654 patent: Abstract: 4-5, 2: 26-29, 2: 36-46, 3: 21-32, 5: 7-                     |
|                           |                  |   | Prosecution history:<br>Amendment, 1/17/94, p.<br>5, 6. | introducing the sample into the capillary and applying an electrical current to the capillary. | 14, 6: 3-5, 6: 17-19, 7: 22-24 '654 prosecution history:                            |

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|  | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |   |   |   | Amendment dated January 17, 1994, paper no. 4, p. 6, 2 <sup>nd</sup> paragraph.   |
|  |                                       |   |   |   | Morín et al., Fresenius J.<br>Anal. Chem. (1992)<br>342: 357 – 362, p. 362.   |
| detecting said amons by simultaneously monitoring said sample at two different wavelengths |                                       | Detecting the amons by monitoring the sample at two different wavelengths at the same time. | '654 patent: 3:41-44, 7:24-26. Prosecution history: Amendment, 1/17/94, p. 7. | Detecting the anions in the sample by simultaneously monitoring the absorption of two different wavelengths of light, one of which is not absorbed by the anions. | '654 patent: 1: 45-49, 2: 48-51, 2: 57-62, 3: 41-53 4: 35- 43, 4: 65-68, 5: 15-17, 5: 44-50, 6: 26-43, 7: 24-40, Figs 1A-E  Weinberger '382 patent (incorporated by reference): 2: 50-64, 9: 19 – 11: 26, 14: 11-47 '654 prosecution history: Amendment dated January 17, 1994, paper no. 4, p. 6, 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> paragraphs and |

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| maintaining the temperature in said capillary to within +/-0.5°C of said target temperature |          | Maintaining the temperature in the capillary to within +/- 0.5°C of the target temperature. | '654 patent: 3:23-25, 3:65-4:1, 4:59- 62, 6:17-19. | Maintaining the temperature throughout the fluid in the capillary to within +/- 0.5°C of the target temperature by monitoring electrical resistance in the capillary and maintaining the resistance at a constant level. | '654 patent: Abstract: 3-5, 2: 26-30, 2: 40-47, 3: 21-26, 4: 59-62, 5: 1-14, 6: 3-5, 6: 17-19, 7: 22-24  Weinberger '382 patent (incorporated by reference): 8: 4-9, 11: 29 – 12: 34  Kurosu et al. J. High Res. Chrom. (1991) 14: 200-203, pp. 201-202. |
| electroosmotic<br>flow  | 15       | Flow in a capillary<br>under the influence of<br>an electric field.                         | '654 patent:<br>2:63-67, 5:33-43.                  | The bulk flow of liquid due to the effect of an electric field on cations adjacent to anionic groups immobilized on the capillary wall.  | Weinberger '382 patent (incorporated by reference): 1: 27-32, 3: 50-65   |
| electroosmotic<br>flow modifier   | 15       | Substance that modifies the electroosmotic flow.  | '654 patent:<br>2:63-67, 5:33-43.                  | A small cationic molecule that neutralizes the charge on the capillary wall.   | '654 patent:<br>2: 13-15, 2: 63 – 3: 4, 5:<br>33-44, 5: 51-53, 6: 48-<br>49, 7: 1-9, 7: 47-52, 8:<br>10-17, 8: 35-36   |

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|                           |                    |              |                    |              | Kelly, Research Disclosure August 10, 1993, "Separation of Organic Acids using Phthalate for Indirect     |
|                           |                    |              |                    |              | UV Detection." Kelly and Burgi, August 1992, Research Disclosure 34016, "Separation of Small Anions using |
|                           |                    |              |                    |              | Dichromate for Indirect<br>UV Detection."<br>Kelly and Nelson, J.<br>Chrom. (1993) 16:                    |
|                           |                    |              |                    |              | 2103-2122, copy of submitted paper. Jones, '506 patent: 3: 61 – 4: 8                                      |